

Understanding the Medicare Learning Network (MLN)

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Located on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website, the Medicare Learning Network (MLN) offers official CMS national provider education products such as articles, brochures, fact sheets, web-based training courses, and videos providing information on changed or new Medicare Program policies. This fact sheet is designed to help you navigate the MLN.



Note: Visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNGenInfo to view this web page in its entirety.

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles



Search Feature Now working - A full-text search is now available for ALL MLN Matters Articles via the search link located at the top of the 2004, '05, '06, and '07 pages. This enables users to search title, text, and body for any article needed, even if you only have the topic or general subject to start with. Give it a try!

The Medicare Learning Network (MLN) uses a variety of mechanisms, such as the Internet, national educational articles, brochures, fact sheets, web-based training courses, and videos, to deliver a planned and coordinated provider education program. Our goal is to provide you with timely, easy-to-understand educational materials to accompany the release of new or revised Medicare Program policies.

MLN Matters Articles Background:
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to partnering with the Medicare physician, provider, and supplier communities to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries receive all of the health care services to which they are entitled. One way of helping the health care community in providing the best services to Medicare beneficiaries is to ensure that health care professionals have ready access to Medicare coverage and reimbursement rules in a brief, accurate, and easy-to-understand format. To help meet this goal, CMS has developed MLN Matters...Information for Medicare Providers.

The MLN Matters Articles are National Articles Helping Providers Understand New or Changed Medicare Policy. To search the MLN Articles, use the search page located on the left navigation bar.

MLN Matters Articles Web Page

Matters is a series of national articles designed to inform the physician, provider, and supplier community about the ist changes to the Medicare Program (commonly referred to as Change Requests). Articles are prepared in consultation

Search Tips explain how to use the "Search" function. The "Search" feature provides an advanced web search of all MLN Matters Articles regardless of the year. Filters are available to establish criteria and limit the number of returns on your search.

You can also search articles 2 by a specific year.





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> Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information about it. - Samuel Johnson

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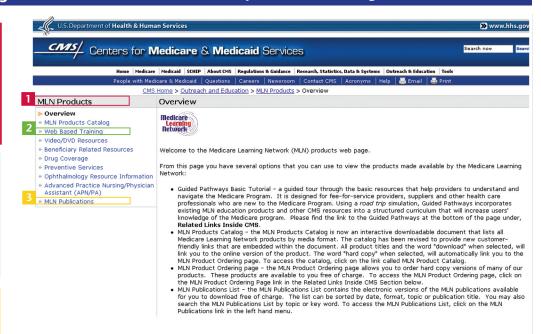
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts

The MLN Products menu features a listing of available resources. From this page you can order and download or order products and take Web Based Training Courses.

Web Based Training

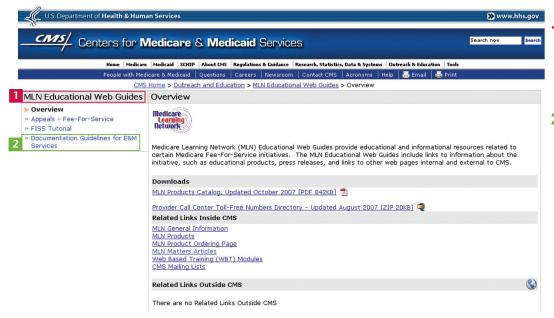
Courses allow you to view and enroll in courses that are available to take online (via the web). Some courses offer continuing education credits.

Select the MLN
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MLN Educational Resource Guides Web Page

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The **MLN Educational** menu features a listing of available Web Guides.

Documentation Guidelines for E&M Services provide information related to Evaluation & Management services.

> The MLN Educational Web Guides include links to educational products, press

educational products, press releases, and other web pages internal and external to CMS.

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The Medicare Learning Network (MLN) is the brand name for official CMS educational products and information for Medicare fee-for-service providers. For additional information visit the Medicare Learning Network's web page at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNGenInfo on the CMS website.